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SUBJECT: BOMBS EXPLODE AT USIS IN ASMARA

1. ON 8 JAN AT 1900 HRS LOCAL, 3 BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE USIS LIBRARY IN ASMARA. USIS NIGHT GUARD REPORTS BOMBS WERE PRECEDED BY BURST OF GUNFIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED AS RESULT OF ATTACK.

2. THREE BOMBS WERE THROWN THROUGH FRONT DOOR GLASS OF USIS LIBRARY AT ITS 1900 HRS CLOSING TIME. THE BOMBS WERE SPACED EVENLY DOWN CENTER

OF ROOM. DAMAGE CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF FRONT DOOR GLASSES, AND A
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FEW BOOKS, BOOKCASES AND SOFAS. BOMBS WERE OBVIOUSLY TIMED TO EXPLODE

WHEN EVERYONE WAS OUT OF THE LIBRARY BUT BEFORE THE NIGHT SHUTTERS WERE DROPPED. BOMBS WERE HAND GRENADE TYPE WITH WOODEN HANDLES AND RED AND BLACK PAINT ON THE METAL CASING, MANUFACTURE UNKNOWN. NIGHT GUARD DETAINED BY POLICE FOR QUESTIONING.

3. COMMENT: I FEEL THAT BOMBS WERE THROWN BY ELEMENT OF ELF/PLF AND COULD BE THEIR EXPRESSION OF DISAPPROVAL FOR LACK OF US SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAUSE.

4. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED REPORT THAT A BOMB HAS EXPLODED AT THE ASMARA AIRPORT TONIGHT AND THAT THE AIRPORT IS NOW RPT NOW CLOSED.

5. THERE ARE PRESENTLY POLICE GUARDS IN FRONT OF CONGEN COMPOUND. I HAVE REQUESTED EXTRA PROTECTION FOR ALL USG INSTALLATIONS FROM THE LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES.
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